

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2015

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 278 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Increase Small Brewery Limits.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Speciale, Collins, Pittman, and Lambeth

FISCAL IMPACT					
(\$ in millions)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
State Impact	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: ABC Commission					
EFFECTIVE DATE: When the bill becomes law					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY:

Under current law, a brewer producing less than 25,000 barrels may obtain a malt beverage wholesaler permit (in addition to a brewery permit) to sell its products. Brewers producing more than 25,000 barrels must use a separate wholesaler. This bill would allow brewers to obtain a malt beverage wholesaler permit to wholesale their own products up to 100,000 barrels.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

This bill will not have a fiscal impact on the State. The ABC Commission estimates that fewer than five breweries have the capacity to brew more than 25,000 barrels. There is a \$300 one-time fee for a malt beverage wholesaler permit. To the extent that additional breweries obtain a wholesaler permit, General Fund revenue would increase by \$300 per permit issued.

SOURCES OF DATA: ABC Commission

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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